

**Lake Pickett Advisory Board  
Regular Meeting  
3165 McCrory Place, Suite 200, Orlando, FL 32803  
Orange Blossom Conference Room and via WebEx  
July 7, 2020**

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**Board Members Present:** Dan Washburn\*, Beverly Young Haun\*, Bonnie Rimel\*

**Board Members Absent:** Alan Ashlock, Tim Wills

**Staff:** David Hansen, Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD)  
Liz Johnson\*, Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD)  
Tim Hull\*, Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD)

**Guests:** Becky Cramer\* (UCF), Debbie Parrish\*, Gloria Eby\*, Seminole County Watershed Management Division

\*denotes attendance by Webex

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**I. Call to Order**

A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

**II. Approval of the January 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

**Upon a motion by Dan Washburn, seconded by Beverly Young Haun, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Alan Ashlock and Tim Wills being absent; the Advisory Board approved the January 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes as presented.**

**III. Public Comment on Propositions Before the Advisory Board**

There was no public comment.

Prior to giving the EPD Report, David Hansen asked the members in attendance if they were prepared to select a Chair and Vice-Chair for the Advisory Board. Dan Washburn volunteered to be the Chairman.

**Upon a motion by Dan Washburn, seconded by Bonnie Rimel, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Alan Ashlock and Tim Wills being absent; the Advisory Board approved accepting Dan Washburn offer to be Chairman of the Lake Pickett Advisory Board.**

Mr. Hansen asked about a Vice Chair. At this point, Bonnie Rimel's audio was not very legible and Mr. Hansen moved on. Gloria Eby from Seminole County announced her presence and Mr. Hansen explained to her and others that he would continue with the EPD Report part of the agenda.

#### **IV. EPD Report**

##### **1. Aquatic Plant Management Update:**

David Hansen reported that a vegetation survey had been conducted by Orange County staff on March 24 and 25, 2020. No hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*) was observed during this survey. He mentioned that there was *Limnophila sessiliflora* and that there was a large area of this non-native plant near the new boat ramp for the Estates at Lake Pickett community. Mr. Hansen added that a survey was conducted by Orange County on July 1st and that, while *Limnophila* was again observed, no hydrilla or water hyacinth (*Eichornia crassipes*) were observed. In addition, he mentioned that it appeared that the panic grasses (e.g. *Panicum hemitomom* or maidencane) were more abundant and helping provide near-shore habitat.

David Hansen mentioned that he had received a report of a tree down and blocking the canal near Orange County's boat launch point. He added that he has received no complaints regarding the tree and believes that it may be the same one he observed in March. He suggested that he could have a contractor remove the tree if anyone complained.

David Hansen reported that he had joined the Lake Vegetation Index (LVI) survey conducted by Seminole County staff. He reported noticing a number of un-vegetated shorelines around the lake and suggested that a planting project may be a good idea.

##### **2. Budget Update:**

David Hansen reported that there was currently \$438,992 total in the MSTU budget. He also noted that the current annual revenue (ad valorem) was \$156,224 and that there was \$243,669 held in reserves.

##### **3. New/Old Business**

David Hansen brought up the topic of Outstanding Florida Water (OFW) designation and asked the members if there was still an interest in pursuing it. Dan Washburn mentioned that he felt it was a good idea. Gloria Eby commented that Seminole County was looking for the support of this Advisory Board as a first step to moving forward in this pursuit. Debbie Parrish offered that she had spoken to a number of individuals around the lake who were interested in pursuing the OFW designation. Discussion ensued.

**Upon a motion by Dan Washburn, seconded by Bonnie Rimel, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Alan Ashlock and Tim Wills being absent; the Advisory Board approved pursuing the Outstanding Florida Water Designation for Lake Pickett.**

David Hansen asked Gloria Eby if she would like to discuss the joint management plan. Ms. Eby responded that she felt the joint efforts being conducted on the lake including surveys, grass carp stocking, grass carp fence maintenance, etc., were helping to keep the lake in a very good condition. She went on to add that she felt some re-vegetation efforts would be time well spent and relatively easy for the benefits realized.

Debbie Parrish mentioned that she had received a text from Bonnie Rimel stating that she would accept the Vice-Chair position. She went on to ask what the next step would be for moving forward with the OFW designation. Gloria Eby offered that with this Advisory Board's documented support, she would inform the Seminole County lake liaison and Seminole County Commissioner of that support

Liz Johnson asked if the Advisory Board had approved including former Vice Chair David Evans on receiving the same materials and communications that are sent to the current members.

**Upon a motion by Bonnie Rimel, seconded by Beverly Haun Johnson, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Alan Ashlock and Tim Wills being absent; the Advisory Board approved including David Evans on materials and communications sent to the Advisory Board.**

**V. Non-Agenda Items**

There were no non-agenda items.

**VI. Next Meeting Date**

David Hansen reported that the next scheduled meeting for the Lake Pickett Advisory Board will be on October 6, 2020.

**VII. Adjourn**

There being no additional comments by Advisory Board members, Dan Washburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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Dan Washburn, Chair

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Minutes Prepared by David Hansen

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